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CONGRATULATIONS

LEAPING WOLF

STEVEN LYONS - Algoa Sea Scout Pack

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

09 September	PE Cub First Aid Competition
16 September	PE Cub TOUGHIES Challenge "Fun Sports Day"
22 - 25 September	Senior Scout Challenge
30 September	Award applications close at SAHQ
07 - 08 October	Area AGM - Port Elizabeth
15 October	HV Marsh Award entries close
21 - 22 October	JOTA/JOTI
28 October	Skilkana - Uitenhage
12 November	PE Cub Cricket
08 - 19 December	National Senior Scout Adventure Cedarberg 2000
23 December	SAHQ annual closure

2001

03 - 13 January	6th Gilcoast PLTU
December	6th SANJAMB

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

Correspondence has been received from Winston M Adams,

Director: International Department of SAHQ, that small amounts of funding could be made available to support worthwhile projects done by Scout groups within their communities. The actual involvement of Scouts in these community projects is key to any funding that may be available.

Scout groups wishing to apply must contact AC Ernie Pike. Please submit details of any such projects currently underway, or planned, and the estimated cost.

VISIT TO A HANDICAPPED SCOUT GROUP

On a recent visit to the Central Region I was privileged to visit the Vukuhambe Group. I found a very enthusiastic group of boys wanting to know - "Sir, when can we go camping. We love it."



DEVELOPMENT

After the resignation of Mr Vido Makaza, the development Officer appointed by SA Headquarters, I was tasked to continue where he had left off. To date a number of new Scout Groups within the Cape Eastern Area have opened. I have also been to many workshops run by Bisho's Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts & Culture in an effort to be recognised by the Bisho Government as a sustainable Youth Movement. Scouting and Guiding have now been accepted under the wing of the Sub-directorate of Sports & Recreation and as such we will shortly be getting financial and other support in the form of the use of their vehicles, telephone and fax facilities.

However, there are always certain requirements that have to be adhered to when funding becomes available. There has to be a clear emphasis in the organisations programme that targets the marginalised groups and these include Women, disabled and the Youth in the disadvantaged sector of the community. Monitoring of our activities and finances will be conducted by the Bisho officials.

Funding has also been secured through our National Headquarters from a company in the Netherlands. These funds are for the development of Scouting in the disadvantaged communities and Rural areas.

Over the past few months I have made a number of trips to the former Transkei and Ciskei to monitor and assist the existing Scouters in the handling of the paperwork required to run the Movement effectively. I have also attended a number of courses in these regions and have seen a lot of enthusiasm amongst the Scouters and the new potential Scouters joining the Movement. There is a great need and potential for our Scout and Cub programmes to be implemented amongst the rural communities.

Ernie Pike
Area Commissioner

THE HANDICAPPED CUBS



Cubs with L-R Mrs Zukizwa Ngunuza, Monica Ntshinga and Letitia Tshetu

INTRODUCTION TO ADULT LEADERSHIP COURSE

On the 18th August a course for newly recruited Scouters was held in Butterworth for ten volunteers.



The course was conducted by Matthew Reve (Kneeling), Stella Sibanga (left) and Skuta Mndai (right)

LUKHANYISO LIGHTS THE WAY

Lukhanyiso - meaning, "a light". Such an appropriate name for the Lukhanyiso Home situated in the Share Centre in Kwa Nobuhle, Uitenhage. Here the adult leaders strive to introduce a light into the world of the young inhabitants who would otherwise be faced with a world of darkness.

Lukhanyiso Home was founded in 1991 to provide a service to children on the streets. Since its inception, approximately 120 children have passed through its doors. At Lukhanyiso children are taught to never forget from where they came. To this end they are encouraged to be part of the community, to maintain relationships with their families, and over weekends and holidays they return home to their families.

Now there is a new light shining in the lives of the young inhabitants of Lukhanyiso Home - Scouting! The Lukhanyiso Scout Group was officially launched on 22nd August. How smart the recruits looked, right down to their immaculately polished shoes. Three Scout Leaders, two Cubs and seventeen Scouts were invested.

Proceedings opened with a welcome from the MC, Mrs Sali. Thereafter followed a prayer by Dr Rev Fatuse and an introduction to the background of Scouting by AC Ernie Pike. The boys of Lukhanyiso then entertained all with song and dance and Social Worker, Miss Majola, addressed the gathering as to why Lukhanyiso had chosen to introduce Scouting. Guest speaker was Town Council Member, Mr Nkohli, who spoke of the relationship between the Town Council and the NGO. Share Director, Miss Nominise Gogo, gave the vote of thanks.

On to the investiture. AC Ernie Pike invested Scout Leaders Ethel N. Sali and Miss Majola on the Pack side and William Mgwali on the Troop side. The newly invested Scouters then invested the Cubs and Scouts.

*Rev. James Fatuse
& A/C Ernie Pike
with Lukhanyiso
Cubs and Scouts.*

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY

Leslie Pike, Akela of 1st Cotswold Cub Pack, was given a surprise birthday party by the Cubs and committee members. She had no idea about the party and was taken completely by surprise when the committee members walked in with a cake and a big parcel of chocolates and other goodies. Even the boys managed to keep the surprise a secret and Ernie had quite a job of getting Leslie not to do too much preparation for cooking of pancakes with a candle and tin. She thought it very strange that Ernie was using stalling tactics on all her preparations. Much to the boys delight it was a big party and no cubbing for the afternoon. On the Saturday night a number of Scouting folk and committee members joined her at a "bring & braai"



*Leslie Pike "Akela" and Carole Wheeler "Hathi"
with the pack showing off the surprise Birthday Cake!*

IRIS SMITH

We were sad to hear that our old friend Iris Smith had had heart surgery, in the U.K., and though recovery is not exactly wonderful, you just cannot get a good Scouter down - she is now helping to perfect a project "Walking for Health" - special exercises and walks for folks like herself with wonky hearts. Another project she has taken on is "Youth Offender Panel" - helping young people who have got into trouble and are regarded as "First Offenders" and just for good measure Iris has been honoured by being appointed as Vice President of Suffolk Scouting.

We - your friends in Port Elizabeth - are proud of you Iris. You are a wonderful example of what it means to live by your Law and Promise.



WALTON TROPHY 2000

TO : All who attended
Scouts - Scouters

I would like feedback on the past Walton Trophy.

Would you please hand in any suggestions as to ideas you think could improve this event for next year.

Many thanks
Panther

This year the Walton Trophy was held. It was a hike through the streets of PE following part of the heritage trail and visiting some of the big monuments of our history.

At certain monuments Scouters were waiting to give the scouts a challenge and to really test their scouting knowledge. We opened the camp in front of the City Hall at 09H00 and the teams had to crack, what some said was a very simple code. After a WHILE the teams were on their way.

The bases were as follows:

- ☞ Donkin Reserve they had to map and plane table the Reserve to scale
- ☞ Fort Frederick they had knotting and lashing challenges
- ☞ Trinder Square they had to use Semaphore to send a message
- ☞ Art Gallery at St George's Park was B.P's Life , Promise and Law
- ☞ War Memorial Fountain in St George's Park was a river crossing

Some of the questions and answers from the promise and law base were as follows :

When was BP born ?
1954

When was his first scout camp ?
1960 (he was allowed to camp at the age of six WOW !!!!!)

Where was the first scout camp held ?
Robin Island (They say that scout camps are tough but not as tough as prison)

What is the scout slogan ?
No answers at all, some too funny to remember.

A SCOUT TRIES TO DO AT LEAST ONE GOOD TURN TO SOMEBODY EVERYDAY !!!!

Well thank you to the three troops who entered St Columba, Algoa and 1st Cotswold.

A total of eight patrols from these three troops who took to the streets to advertise scouting and they did a good job of it.

RESULTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Eagle Patrol	Columba	75,66%
2. Penguin Patrol	Algoa	65,33%
3. Kestrel Patrol	Columba	59 %

It is a pity that only so few troops entered this event because I am sure all the scouts would have enjoyed it. There was maybe no excuse not to be there because it was in the Scout Diary and all the troops knew about it in December 1999 already.

Lastly thank you to all the judges who assisted me and all the hard work they put in to make this weekend worth it.

Panther

HAIG FIRST AID REPORT

On Sunday eight very excited teams arrived for the First Aid Competition.

Thank you to Algoa, Columbus, Walmer and Cotswold for entering teams. The competition was held at the Walmer Scout Hall and thank you to the Friends Of Walmer (FOW) Club for arranging the refreshments.

The judging got underway at about 08H45 and all the other teams waited patiently for their turn to show what they were made of. The accident scene consisted of three patients all well done up with makeup and some fake blood just to test the scouts' stomachs. The judges were from the First Aid League and all qualified instructors in their organization.

Well done to all teams who participated and I bet you all learnt a lot. Also to St. Columbas who had two teams one first place and one second place and also to Algoa whose one girls team came tie second. The points difference between first and second were about two and a half.

Thank you once again to the judges, scouters outside who "baby sitted" the scouts and also 1st Walmer who arranged the sale of refreshments Hilary and family.

If anyone would like to contact the League for any training look in the Yellow Pages under First Aid.

Panther

WHAT ARE WE REALLY TRYING TO DO??

A Scout or Cub, of whatever age, is an individual - Someone's son, brother or friend - But that little bit special, because he is a Scout, or a Cub!

Which of us has not thrilled to joyful shrieks of "here comes Akela, or Skip. ?"

Which of us couldn't tell stories about the boys we've had in our Packs or Troops? About how funny they were... how badly brought up they were... or how marvellous they were...

In addition, which of us hasn't been humbled by the faith they've had in us?

Your boys — this Scout or Cub — is going to be no angel. Their character is not going to be totally formed by us as Leaders or, indeed, by the Scout Movement.

Their general environment, social status, parents, school and friends all have something to do with the forming of this thing we call "character" — or the "individual".

One thing, however, which we must not forget, is that the Scout Movement is a thinking, caring, moving organisation with a Mission and an Aim, and its methods of achieving these are clearly set out. We all know that the Aim of the Scout Association is to help to develop young people mentally, physically, intellectually and spiritually, in order that they may take a constructive place in society.

We can only hope that, when our present Scouts and Cubs are adults, something of what they have done in Scouting will be remembered and will show through in their lives.

We may never know because, in many ways, ours is a work of faith. Scouting has always tried to develop young people according to their talents and abilities, to draw them out, to stretch them, to give them confidence by allowing them to experience new situations, to make them think for themselves and of other people. Our method of training to educate from within rather than from without... That's what we are REALLY trying to do... That's Scouting!

RIDDLE

It is said that when asked this riddle, 80% of primary schoolchildren got the answer, compared to 17% of University students

Here's the riddle:

What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich want it, and if you eat it, you'll die?

What is it?

CAPE EASTERN SENIOR SCOUT CHALLENGE

The Senior Scout Challenge is a new and exciting event for the Eastern Cape. It will be from 22nd to 25th September and will take place in the Van Staden's area.

This event will be a challenge which will incorporate many traditional scouting skills as well as the physical endurance of the scouts.

You will receive further details as the time for the challenge approaches. Should you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

How to contact us:

- 1 Drop it off at Scout Shop marked for attention of Kath Douglas
- 2 Phone Kath on (041) 585 1439
- 3 Fax Kath on (041) 582 2956
- 4 E-mail embmagic@bigfoot.com

SCOUT WARRANT COURSE

Another successful and enjoyable Scout Warrant Course was held over two weekends in August, this time in the scenic and tranquil surrounds of Gilsprings, Uitenhage. Scouters Martin de Bruyn, Stephen Graham, Mike Richards, Colin Stretton and Matthew Reeve assisted Course Director, Bruce Maree. To all the new Scouters who attended the course - may your association with scouting be a long and happy one.



Photographed at the close of the 2nd weekend of the Scout Warrant Course are:

Back L-R Xola Calata, Muneeb Adams, Rowan Rose-Innes, Shane Visscher, Mark Akers

Front L-R Martin de Bruyn, Ethel N Sali, Mac Mehlwana, Kath Douglas, Phumla Gotela, Bruce Maree

6TH GILCOAST PLTU

VENUE: Gilwood, East London
COURSE DATES: 3rd to 13th January 2001
VENUE: Gilwood, East London
COST: R545.00
(R100.00 deposit with entry)

Entry forms from MALE scouts only are now being accepted. Unfortunately the course is only designed for MALE members of our Association at this point in time.

Write to: COURSE DIRECTOR
6TH GILCOAST PLTU
P.O. BOX 348
GRAAFF REINET
6280

PLTU HELPS

"Although a PLTU Course is a highly specialised course to train senior Scouts to run an effective Patrol, it is also a course in personal development. In our day and age it is imperative that young people are given the skills to cope with life's many new adventures". The PLTU Course Director, Bruce Maree, in the August edition of the Outray, expressed this view.

PL Sven Arndt of the 1st Uitenhage (SOE) Scout Group submitted the following article.



Doing service in the 1st Uitenhage (SOE) Cub Pack are Ranger Guide Roseanne Gilbert and PL Sven Arndt.

"As an APL in the 1st Uitenhage (SOE) Scout Group I attended the 5th Gilcoast PLTU Course. I have since been promoted to PL of the Leopard Patrol. PLTU taught me a lot to help me with future aspects in my life.

This past winter school holiday I was a leader at the Janssensdal Methodist Church Holiday Club where I had to cope with young children. I found that my PLTU course benefited me a lot. Not only did PLTU help me with the Church Holiday Club, but it also had an effect on my interaction with the Cubs of 1st Uitenhage (SOE) where I am doing a year's service for my Cub Instructor's Badge.

I would recommend to anyone who has the opportunity to attend PLTU to go for it and attend this valuable training camp. I am sure that if you ask any other past participants that they will agree with me.

I would like to thank Bruce Maree and all the people who made the 5th Gilcoast PLTU Training Course possible and I hope that every Scout reading this will have the chance to go on one of these invaluable training courses."

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